

1. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface (GUI) adapted to browse pictures stored in a picture database, said GUI comprising:

a main level display providing links to other display level, said main level display comprising:

a hierarchical picture grouping iconic region indicating directories, folders and files containing pictures from said database;

at least one main display area adapted to at least display pictures, thumbnails and graphical browsers;

a content category selection area adapted to allow selection of a content category;

a picture content iconic region, comprising a plurality icons, each representing a display level with pictures from said picture database having the selected content category and grouped according to picture metadata;

a graphical browser region comprising indicia of graphical browsers utilized by said GUI; and

said GUI further enabling access to the display levels linked to said main display level via one or more of the icons in said main display level

wherein at least one of said display levels comprises a picture content region having icons representing pictures in the picture database organized according to predefined content categories and picture metadata, a geographical map with icons located at picture locations on a map, or a three dimensional scatter plot with icons and with first and second axes representing separate category information and a third dimension representing a third category of information being determined by the visual nature of the icons.